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SUBJECT: LASH ITALIA

REF: STATE 179790

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED LASH ITALIA SITUATION WITH GEORGIOU OF FONOFF A.M. OF AUGUST 16. GEORGIOU AGAIN STATED THAT GOG WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INTERFERE WITH TURKISH BOUND CARGO ON LASH ITALIA AND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DELAY SAILING OF SHIP. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD GIVEN THIS ASSURANCE BOTH ORALLY AND IN WRITING TO PRUDENTIAL/GRACE LINES REPRESENTATIVE PRECEDING DAY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUERY RE STATUS OF LASH ESPANA CARGO, GEORGIOU INDICATED THAT UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES HE DID NOT ENVISION A RAPID DECISION ON POSSIBLE RELEASE OF THAT CARGO.

3. EVEN THOUGH ASSURANCE GIVEN BEFORE HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED BY FONOFF, WE BELIEVE THAT IN PRESENT CLIMATE IN GREECE THERE IS NO CERTAINTY IT WOULD BE HONORED BY PORT OFFICIALS WHEN LASH ITALIA UNLOADED. FOR THIS REASON, WE RECOMMEND THAT SHIP BE DIVERTED TO ISTANBUL, OFFLOAD TURKISH CARGO, AND RETURN PIRAEUS TO OFFLOAD GREEK CARGO.

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